

The Honorable Ann W. Richards, having received the highest number of votes cast, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, declare her duly, legally and constitutionally elected Governor of the State of Texas for the ensuing term of four years; and The Honorable Bob Bullock, having received the highest number of votes cast, I, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, declare him duly, legally and constitutionally elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas for the ensuing term of four years.

The Speaker of the House then returned the ballots of the General Election to the Secretary of State.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 11 - By Montford: In memory of Norton Barrett of Crosbyton.

S.R. 12 - By Montford: In memory of Jo Jon Cox of Stanton.

S.R. 17 - By Brown: In memory of Professor Robert Wegmann of Houston.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 13 - By Henderson: Extending congratulations to Jonathan Stephen Smith for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

S.R. 14 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Julio R. Torres of San Angelo on their 50th wedding anniversary.

S.R. 15 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to the Reverend and Mrs. Benito Cuellar of San Angelo on their 50th wedding anniversary.

S.R. 16 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Chris Hall of Midland for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

ADJOURNMENT

The Dean of the Senate, Senator Brooks, announced the purpose of the Joint Session had been accomplished and declared the Senate at 4:12 p.m. adjourned until 11:15 a.m. tomorrow, in accordance with a motion previously adopted by the Senate.

SECOND DAY

(Tuesday, January 15, 1991)

The Senate met at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by President Pro Tempore Glasgow.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Armbrister, Barrientos, Bivins, Brooks, Brown, Carriker, Dickson, Ellis, Glasgow, Green, Haley, Harris of Tarrant, Harris of Dallas, Henderson, Johnson, Krier, Leedom, Lucio, Lyon, Moncrief, Montford, Parker, Ratliff, Rosson, Sims, Tejada, Truan, Turner, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

A quorum was announced present.

Senate Doorkeeper Jim Morris offered the invocation as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, grateful for this particular period in our lives, we offer our thanks this day that You are a part of our being. Then let us begin today as we should all days by offering a prayer of thanksgiving and hope.

As this 72nd Session begins and a new year unfolds, may each Member be renewed and dedicated to addressing the issues that are so critical to our State.

As the men and women of the Senate assemble today, may they do so knowing they have been called out and set aside for a great work. Give to the new leadership of Texas vision and wisdom that they may exercise their authority or power with humility and ever mindful of their calling to public office. We pray Your special blessings on and express our gratitude and esteem for Lieutenant Governor Hobby as he retires from this place of service.

And in a special way we pray for peace in the hearts of men and for the men and women on duty in the Persian Gulf and other places of concern. We petition You for their safety and that their leaders and leaders of nations avail themselves of Your wise and gracious counsel. This is our prayer today in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

Senator Barrientos was recognized and presented Dr. Charles Von Henner of San Marcos as the "Doctor for the Day."

The Senate welcomed Dr. Von Henner and thanked him for his participation in the "Capitol Physician" program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

SENATE RESOLUTION 19

Senator Bivins offered the following resolution:

S.R. 19, Congratulating the Hereford High School Mighty Maroon Band on being chosen to participate in the Texas Inaugural Parade.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

SENATE RESOLUTION 20

Senator Bivins offered the following resolution:

S.R. 20, Congratulating the members and directors of the Amarillo High School Golden Sandie Marching Band on being chosen to participate in the Texas Inaugural Parade.

The resolution was read and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

House Chamber
January 15, 1991

HONORABLE W. P. HOBBY
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SIR: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H.C.R. 24, In memory of Morris Roberts.

Respectfully,
BETTY MURRAY, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that upon conclusion of the Joint Session, it would adjourn until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the Senate at 11:21 a.m. further agreed to recess in order for the Senate to proceed to the south steps of the Capitol for the inauguration of the governor and the lieutenant governor, as provided for by S.C.R. 2.

AFTER RECESS**JOINT SESSION**

(To inaugurate the Governor and Lieutenant Governor)

The Senate met at 12:00 noon in Joint Session with the House of Representatives in the space reserved for the Legislature adjacent to the platform erected at the south entrance of the Capitol for the Inauguration of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

With the Honor Guard of the Ross Volunteers of Texas A&M University standing at attention, Governor-elect Ann W. Richards, Lieutenant Governor-elect and Mrs. Bob Bullock, with their families and guests: Ms. Cecile Richards, Mr. Dan Richards, Mr. Clark Richards, Miss Ellen Richards, Mrs. Ona Willis, Mr. Cecil Willis, Mr. Kirk Adams, Mrs. Lindy Bullock Ward, Mr. Grant Bullock Robinson, Mr. Robert Douglas Bullock, Jr., Ms. Kimberly Teague, Mr. William W. Bond, Mrs. Sara Bullock Read, Mr. Thomas A. Bullock, Sr., Mrs. Jane Bullock, The Honorable Bill Hobby and Mrs. Hobby, Speaker Gib Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, President Pro Tempore Bob Glasgow and Mrs. Glasgow, Mr. Bob Kelly, Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, Ms. Liz Carpenter, Mr. Bud Shrake, Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips, Senator and Mrs. Gonzalo Barrientos, Representative and Mrs. Sam Russell, Reverend Kirby Jon Caldwell, Dr. and Mrs. Browning Ware, Mrs. Paula Richards, Mr. Phil Ward, Ms. Gloria McCalla and Mrs. Leslie B. Vilas advanced to the platform.

Following a nineteen-gun salute, Barbara Conrad sang the National Anthem, accompanied by The University of Texas at Austin band.

The President called the Senate to order and announced a quorum of the Senate present.

Speaker of the House of Representatives Gib Lewis called the House of Representatives to order, announced a quorum of the House present and stated the purpose of the Joint Session.

Speaker Lewis then introduced the Reverend Kirby Jon Caldwell of Windsor Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, who offered the invocation.

Speaker Lewis announced that the Constitutional Oath of Office would be administered to Lieutenant Governor-elect Bob Bullock by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, Thomas R. Phillips.

The Honorable Bob Bullock then took the Constitutional Oath of Office and affixed thereto his signature, which was attested by Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips.

Speaker Lewis introduced The Honorable Bob Glasgow, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who presented Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock to the Joint Session.

Lieutenant Governor Bullock addressed the Joint Session as follows:

No person could be more humble than I in standing before you today. Words are inadequate to describe the love and gratitude that Jan and I feel for the people of Texas who have entrusted us with this honor, and above that, with the responsibilities of the office.

When I think about the honors and opportunities that have come to me—a person born and raised in the small town of Hillsboro, Texas, a person rich in human frailties but poor in worldly goods, who just assumed the second highest office in Texas—I think about the kind of opportunities and dreams that I want to see become reality for every man, woman and child in Texas.

Today, that reality does not exist for thousands—if not millions—of our fellow Texans. Not for the baby born with birth defects which might have been prevented with adequate pre-natal care, not for the working Texan who is unemployed, not for the small business owner smothered by overregulation and overtaxation and not for Texans with disabilities whose State offers few services and even less human compassion. But that reality can be within the grasp of all Texans if we, who are entrusted with high office, conduct our duties with no agenda save the agenda of a better Texas.

I need not cite the list of problems that confront us, but if there is any misunderstanding about the priorities of my office, let me recount briefly what I consider as the absolute minimum which must be accomplished before winter turns to summer and summer to fall.

We must set State government on a new financial course. As I have said often, we cannot condone business-as-usual in the way we spend our money, and we cannot condone business-as-usual in the way we raise the money.

As an absolute minimum, the Legislature and its leadership must pass a strong ethics code. Not one tailored for those who hold office, nor one tailored to those who seek favors from government, but one tailored to merit the trust and confidence of the people of Texas.

We must continue to seek excellence and equality in our public schools, not to satisfy some court mandate, but to honestly, effectively and efficiently educate every child in Texas.

Four years ago, on this same occasion, Governor Hobby warned us about a long night of ignorance if we failed our schools, and the threat of that long night of ignorance still hangs over our heads.

We must adopt major legislation to safeguard the natural environment of this land we love. As a minimum, we must create the world's premier oil spill response plan to cover every inch of every bay and every estuary of our beautiful and valuable Texas Gulf Coast.

We must make major changes in our criminal justice system, because we know that neither criminal nor community are being served today.

This agenda, along with other major concerns, will not be easy, but easy is not what won Texas' independence on the battlefield, easy is not what brought Texas to its potential as a modern industrial giant, and easy is not why Texans elected me Lieutenant Governor.

This agenda cannot be accomplished overnight.

To paraphrase John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address 30 years ago, it may not be finished in the first hundred days nor in the first thousand days, but let us begin because our accomplishments will be rewarding in the highest and best use of that word. Rewarding for the future of our children and our grandchildren, rewarding for the natural blessings of this land, and rewarding for those of us involved in a sense of inner peace and pride that comes with knowing that you worked diligently in pursuit of worthy ideas and ideals.

When the days get long and the going tough we will be well advised to remember the words of the Apostle Paul when he admonished us to run the race before us with courage looking always to the author of our faith. To that I would add, being always aware of the heritage given us by those who went before.

And on that note, I think this inauguration would be incomplete if we failed to give special recognition to the years of dedicated service rendered this State by my predecessor Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby.

Governor Hobby, the constitutional awesomeness of the office I now assume is enhanced all the more by your legacy. I pray that I conduct the office with even a small measure of the high ideals that marked every moment you served.

In closing, to the people of Texas, Jan and I say from the bottom of our hearts that we love you and we hope that in the days ahead we will have your blessings and your prayers.

Thank you and God bless you.

Speaker Lewis then announced that the Constitutional Oath of Office would next be administered to Governor-elect Ann W. Richards by Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Supreme Court.

The Honorable Ann W. Richards then took the Constitutional Oath of Office and affixed thereto her signature, which was attested by Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips.

Speaker Lewis then presented Her Excellency, The Honorable Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, who addressed the Joint Session as follows:

Welcome to the first day of the new Texas!

And welcome to the official representatives of thirty-five countries and the governors of the four Mexican border states who have joined us today.

I want to thank all of you for being with us. I hope we will see you often in the Capitol. We look forward to working cooperatively with your governments and to excellent relationships with your people.

Eighteen months ago, I stood with many of you a few hundred yards from here and announced my candidacy for governor of Texas.

If you were there—in fact or in spirit—on that hot June day . . . if you gave your time and your energy to the campaign . . . if you held your ground and continued to believe when the odds seemed long and the outcome uncertain . . . my gratitude to you is profound. God bless you.

Today is a day of celebration.

Today, we marched up Congress Avenue and we said that we were reclaiming the Capitol for the people of Texas.

We say proudly that the people of Texas are back.

That statement will be given meaning by our actions over the next four years.

Because today, the historians will record that a new administration, different from any in the past, began.

Twenty, fifty, one hundred years from now, school children will open their textbooks—or perhaps, switch on their video texts—and they will see a picture.

They will see us standing proudly on this bright winter noon. And looking through the eyes of a child we will seem as distant and as ancient as portraits of our ancestors seem to us.

Those children will read that on January 15th, 1991, a woman named Ann W. Richards took the oath of office as the 45th Governor of the State of Texas.

All of that is certain.

Today, the headline has been written . . . but the pages that follow are blank.

Tomorrow, we begin filling those pages . . . writing line by line the story that will be told long after the joy of this day is forgotten.

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who was born on this day, said we have come this far on the strength of a dream.

Now our challenge is to transform that dream into reality . . . to fill the pages of history with the story of Texans who came into office envisioning a new era of greatness . . . and breathed life into that vision.

Today, we have a vision of a Texas where opportunity knows no race, no gender, no color—a glimpse of the possibilities that can be when the barriers fall and the doors of government swing open.

Tomorrow, we have to build that Texas.

Today, we have a vision of a Texas with clean air and land and water . . . a Texas where a strong economy lives in harmony with a safe environment.

Tomorrow, we are going to begin to build that Texas.

Today, we have a vision of a Texas where every child receives an education that allows them to claim the full promise of their lives.

Tomorrow, we are going to build that Texas.

Today, we have a vision of a Texas where every citizen is treated by the government with respect and dignity and honesty . . . where consumers are protected . . . where business is nurtured and valued . . . where good jobs are plentiful . . . where those in need find compassion and love and help . . . where every decision is measured against a high standard of ethics and true commitment to the public trust.

Tomorrow, we've got to get about the business of building that Texas.

The people of Texas are back . . . and they are waiting and watching, anxious to see if their government can rise above personal interest, rancor and division . . . and get on with the business of building a Texas where the people come first.

Years ago, John Kennedy said that, "Life isn't fair."

Life is not fair . . . but government absolutely must be.

And if tomorrow, we begin with the understanding that government must stop telling people what they want . . . and start listening to the people and hearing what the people need, we will make government mean something in the lives of Texans.

Nothing is more fundamentally important to me than the understanding that this administration exists to serve the taxpayers.

Because service to the people is government's bottom line, we are creating a new position in the governor's office: a citizen's advocate who will cut red tape and bureaucratic stonewalling . . . who will report to me on those agencies who fail to meet the test of the highest quality of service, efficiency and financial management.

We are going to clean the government up and we are going to make it lean and responsive to the people it serves. Just get ready for it.

The oath I have taken today is mine . . . but the responsibility, the trust we have sought and been given belongs to all of us.

And I hope that as we invoke the blessing of God on this adventure, we will all ask, in the words of the old gospel song, that the Lord lift us to higher ground . . . and that we will be wise enough and strong enough to do what we have set out to do.

Because when my time in office is finished, I want us to be able to look back together and say we—not he, not she, not me—but WE came to this moment with a vision worthy of a great heritage . . . and WE realized that vision in a way that was worthy of a great future.

And as we turn the corner on a new millennium, I want us to be able to look forward . . . to see a small child with a textbook . . . thumbing through the pages . . . coming upon a picture of a group of people standing on the Capitol steps . . . looking out at that child across years and changes that we cannot even begin to imagine.

I want us to read words beneath that picture that say that on this date in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one a new era began in Texas.

And I want us to know that what we started here today will reach out across time to that child . . . and do us honor.

The Speaker presented Dr. Browning Ware, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, who delivered the benediction.

The Speaker announced that The University of Texas at Austin band would play the State song, "Texas, Our Texas."

On behalf of Governor Richards and Lieutenant Governor Bullock, Speaker Lewis invited all guests to attend the Inaugural Parade this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

The Speaker then introduced a very distinguished guest, former First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

H.C.R. 24 - (Armbrister): In memory of The Honorable Morris Roberts, former Senator and Representative of Victoria.

S.R. 25 - By Haley: In memory of Judge Royce C. Smith of Sabine County.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

S.R. 21 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Bryant of Midland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

S.R. 22 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marable Martin of San Angelo on their 65th wedding anniversary.

S.R. 23 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brasher of San Angelo on their 50th wedding anniversary.

S.R. 24 - By Sims: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barina of San Angelo on their 50th wedding anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pro Tempore Glasgow announced that the purpose of the Joint Session had been accomplished and that the Senate at 12:30 p.m. would stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, in accordance with a motion previously adopted by the Senate.

THIRD DAY

(Wednesday, January 16, 1991)

The Senate met at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present: Armbrister, Barrientos, Bivins, Brooks, Brown, Carriker, Dickson, Ellis, Glasgow, Haley, Harris of Tarrant, Harris of Dallas, Henderson, Johnson, Krier, Leedom, Lucio, Lyon, Moncrief, Montford, Parker, Ratliff, Rosson, Tejeda, Truan, Turner, Whitmire, Zaffirini.

Absent-excused: Green, Sims.

A quorum was announced present.

The Reverend David Penticuff of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lago Vista, offered the invocation as follows:

Almighty God, author of peace and lover of concord, we join our prayers to those of the multitudes throughout the world who are praying that Thou wilt enlighten us by showing us a path to peace. But even in times of crisis Thy people must be governed, so it is that we pause in a moment of somber reflection to ask Thy blessing upon the Senate of our beloved State of Texas.

Through the prophet Micah, Thou hast shown us, Lord, what is good and what is required of us; that is: to love kindness, to do justice and to walk humbly with Thee. By the power of Thy Holy Spirit, inscribe these words upon the mind of the Lieutenant Governor and of each Member of this Senate. Graft them into their hearts and souls, that, through Thy indwelling presence, they may deliberate in kindness, enact law with justice, and exercise their power with humility.

All of which we ask in the name of He who came among us in perfect humility, Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Senator Green was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Brooks.

Senator Sims was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Brooks.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

The President announced the appointment of the following as Standing Committees for the 72nd Legislature: